

Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., May 20th., 1898.

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J. Emmons, Esq.,

U.S. Geologist,

Hoe Building, #1330 "P" Street, N.W.,

City.

Sir:-

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 (Butte Dist.),
 production of Gold, Silver, and Copper in Montana, in 1898, I
 have the pleasure in enclosing herewith extract from Mr. Braden's arti-
 cle on Montana, covering Silver Bow County.

Respectfully yours,



Director of the Mint.

MONTANASILVER BOW COUNTY.

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|----------|--------------|--------------|-------------|----------------------|
| Gold,- | 55,343.589 | fine ounces; | value, | \$ 1,144,053.52 |
| Silver,- | 8,996,555.01 | " | " | <u>11,621,902.51</u> |
| | | | Total,..... | <u>12,775,956.03</u> |

Copper,- 216,648,077 fine pounds, valued at \$26,062,764, at \$12.03 per cwt.

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